



— State of —
North Dakota
Office of the Governor

John Hoeven
Governor

PROCLAMATION
SMALL BUSINESS WEEK
MAY 17-23, 2009

WHEREAS, the small business sector is one of the great strengths of the American economy; and

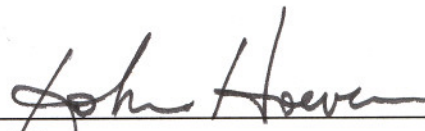
WHEREAS, small businesses are integral to our state's economy, creating new jobs, driving innovation and forging new paths to prosperity; and

WHEREAS, during Small Business Week, we recognize the vision, leadership and innovation of small business men and women throughout our state, whose dedication and entrepreneurial spirit keep the American dream alive and North Dakota's economy growing; and

WHEREAS, as we work to grow and diversify our economy, it is important to encourage the spirit of enterprise and continue to build a positive business environment where entrepreneurs can flourish; and

WHEREAS, North Dakotans are encouraged to recognize small business owners and employees for their contributions to our state's success, and to continue to foster the development of new small businesses.

NOW, THEREFORE, as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim May 17-23, 2009, **SMALL BUSINESS WEEK** in the state of North Dakota.



John Hoeven
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ATTEST:



Alvin A. Jaeger
Secretary of State